

HOUSE BILL 355

By Holsclaw

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Chapter 1, Part 3 and Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4,  
relative to Tennessee's first peoples.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

The following cultural groups are recognized as Tennessee's first peoples:

- (1) The Algonquian peoples, including the Shawnee and Lenape;
- (2) The Chickamaugan peoples;
- (3) The Iroquoian peoples, including the Cherokee;
- (4) The Muskogean peoples, including the Alabama, Coosa, Chickasaw,  
Natchez, Koasati, Tuskegee, and Taliwa;
- (5) The Siouan peoples, including the Quapaw and Mosopelea; and
- (6) The Yuchean peoples, including the Chisca, Yuchi, Taougalé,

Tongerria, and Tamahita.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.